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1. DURING JUNE 19 MEETING ON SOVIET FEES FOR FOREIGN
FISHING (SEPTTEL), SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES
KAMENTSEV NOTED SEVERAL APPARENTLY PENDING PROPOSALS
FOR SEVERAL MULTILATERAL AND US-SOVIET BILATERAL
MEETINGS ON FISHERIES MATTERS (REF A). REFERRING TO A
DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN RESPONSE TO US REQUEST FOR POLLACK
QUOTAS OFF KAMCHATKA, WHICH KAMENTSEV SAID THE SOVIET
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD GIVEN THE DEPT., KAMENTSEV
STATED THAT SOVIETS STRONGLY PREFER THAT US DELEGATION
COME TO MOSCOW IN JULY TO NEGOTIATE US-SOVIET AGREEMENT
GOVERNING CONDITIONS FOR US FISHING IN SOVIET 200 MILE
ZONE (REF B). IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS QUERY ABOUT
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POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING SUCH AN AGREEMENT BY MEANS
OF AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS, KAMENTSEV STATED THAT SOVIETS CONSIDER IT
MORE EFFECTIVE TO NEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT DURING A
MEETING BETWEEN US AND SOVIET SPECIALISTS, AS WAS THE
CASE WITH THE US-SOVIET GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES
AGREEMENT (GIFA).

2. WITH RESPECT TO MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHING, KAMENTSEV INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS PREFER TO ARRANGE PLANNED MEETING OF SCIENTISTS ON THIS QUESTION FOR THE EARLY PART OF SEPTEMBER DN SAKHALIN. ACCORDING TO KAMENTSEV, THE SCIENTISTS OF ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL NEED UNTIL SEPTEMBER TO PREPARE FOR SUCH A THE REPORTEDLY PLANNED FOLLOW-ON "MINISTERIAL" MEETING ON SALMON IN MOSCOW AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, SOON AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SAKHALIN MEETING OF SCIENTISTS. (IN LABELING THIS "MINISTERIAL" MEETING KAMENTSEV APPARENTLY HAD IN MIND THE INVITATION TO SALMON TALKS WHICH MINISTER OF FISHERIES ISHKOV EXTENDED TO SECRETARY KREPS AND TO JAPANESE AND CANADIAN FISHERIES MINISTERS (REF C). WE ASSUME THAT US ATTITUDE GHOWARD SUCH A MEETING REMAINS AS STATED IN REF D).

3. KAMENTSEV STATED THAT SOVIETS PREFER TO SCHEDULE THE TWO YEAR REVIEW OF THE US-SOVIET GIFA, CALLED FOR UNDER ARTICLE XV, FOR THE PERIOD LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER IN WASHINGTON.

4. REF E ARRIVED MOSCOW JUNE 21, AFTER MEETING WITH KAMENTSEV. WE WILL PRESS SOVIETS TO PROVIDE ASAP DRAFT AGREEMENT ON US FISHING IN SOVIET ZONE.
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5. ACTION REQUESTED: KAMENTSEV PRESSED EMBASSY FOR EARLY US REPLIES ON PENDING MEETING. PLEASE ADVISE.
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